AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17, wherein the diameter of the neutral microgranules is between 200 and 400 µm.

4. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17, wherein its hardness is between 0 and 20 daN.

5. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17, wherein its friability is between 0 and 1%.

6. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17, wherein its disintegration time is less than 15 minutes.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17, wherein the compression excipient includes a lubricant.

9. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 8, wherein the lubricant is between 0.125 and 0.75% by weight of the tablet.

10. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17, wherein the amount of active principle is less than 10 mg/g of the tablet.

11. (Currently Amended) A tableting premix for the preparation of a tablet, said premix ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

(a) between 99 and 100% by weight of neutral microgranules coated with an active principle mixture,

wherein said active principle mixture consists essentially of an active principle and an optional binder, and said neutral microgranules consist essentially of 62.5% to 91.5% sucrose and the remainder starch, and

(b) between 0 and 1% by weight of a lubricant, and

wherein the premix is directly compressible.

12. (Previously Presented) The premix of claim 11, wherein the active principle coated on the neutral microgranules is less than 4% by weight of the neutral microgranules.

13. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of the tablet of claim 17, comprising direct compression of the composition of claim 11 or 12 by employing a compression force of between 5 and 50 kN.

14. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 17 wherein the size of the neutral microgranules is between 200 and 600 µm.

15. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 8, wherein the lubricant is about 0.25% by weight.

16. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of the tablet of claim 17, comprising direct compression of the composition of claim 11 or 12 by employing a compression force of between 10 and 30 kN.

17. (Previously Presented) A tablet consisting essentially of: neutral microgranules coated with an active principle mixture, and an excipient, wherein:

a) the neutral microgranules consist essentially of 62.5% to 91.5% sucrose with the remainder starch, are spherical of uniform diameter between 100 and 2000 µm, and are directly compressible;

b) the coating of active principle mixture consists essentially of an active principle and an optional binder such that the active principle is less than 40 mg/g of the tablet; and

c) the excipient is a compression excipient at less than 1% by weight of the tablet.

18. (Previously Presented) A tablet consisting essentially of: neutral microgranules coated with an active principle mixture, an excipient, and a film coating, wherein:

a) the neutral microgranules consist essentially of 62.5% to 91.5% sucrose with the remainder starch, are spherical of uniform diameter between 100 and 2000 μm, and are directly compressible;

b) the coating of active principle mixture consists essentially of an active principle and an optional binder such that the active principle is less than 40 mg/g of the tablet;

c) the excipient is a compression excipient at less than 1% by weight of the tablet; and

d) the film coating on the tablet restricts exposure of the active principle to light, moisture, or oxygen; or modifies release of the active principle; or modifies the color or appearance of the tablet; or any combination thereof.